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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)

Hirofumi SAKAUE et al.)

Serial No.: 09/752,564) Examiner: G. Strimbu

Filed : January 03, 2001) Art Unit: 3634

For: REAR GATE OPENING AND CLOSING APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2002 (Paper No. 11) is due by February 10, 2003 (February 8, 2003 being a Saturday). Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to Paper No. 11, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the abstract on page 28 of the specification with the Abstract of the Disclosure submitted herewith on a separate sheet of paper.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, and 12 as shown in the attached MARKED-UP
PREVIOUS VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS.